

Mayor Mallory's Message for the Week, August 21, 2006

Cirque du Soleil is a perfect example of all that is great about summer in Cincinnati

It has been an exciting summer in Cincinnati. There has been something interesting and entertaining going on every week. From the grand opening of the Duke Energy Center in June to the Black Family Reunion and the Western and Southern Masters Tennis Tournament last week, Cincinnati has been a buzz with activity this summer. And things are just heating up. There is still a lot of summer left and I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy all of the great events that make summer in Cincinnati special.

On Thursday, we open up the big top down on the riverfront, as we welcome Cirque du Soleil to Cincinnati for the first time ever. Cirque du Soleil has been thrilling audiences around the world for over two decades with their unique blend of high-flying aerobatics and mesmerizing storytelling. This breathtaking show promises to be something that Cincinnati has never seen before.

As we head into September, every baseball game becomes more important with our Cincinnati Reds battling for a spot in the playoffs. This week, the Reds host the division rival Houston Astros, before taking off on an important 10 game road trip. We need to show our support for the Reds and root them toward the playoffs.

And of course, the Bengals are getting ready for another run at the AFC Playoffs, and are off to a hot start in the preseason with two straight wins. We have a week to get the city fired up before we welcome in Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers for a nationally televised game next Monday night. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase Cincinnati to the nation and show exactly how great our city is.

All of this, and we are in the midst of the church festival season, with countless other special events going on in communities throughout the region, and the famous Labor Day Fireworks celebration right around the corner. Cincinnati is the place to be for fun summer activities, and we are fortunate to have a ringside seat to all of the action. So, take advantage of the rest of our great summer and let's carry this momentum into an action-packed and exciting fall.